regularly with much less per capita.

count in the German propaganda de

Governor Cox of Ohio seems to think

that the way to get coal enough for

of distribution designed to accomplish

that result. The application of his

theory might make Ohio more com-

fortable for a short time, but only at

doctrine of State rights could work

The retail license of the weather

The receipt of \$2,000,000 worth

platinum, 21,000 ounces, by the Secre

tary of Commerce will meet a most

urgent need of our industries. The

metal is used in surgical and scien-

tific work and in the manufacture of

country's supply of platinum is lim

ited; the domestic production of this

promise of deposits justifying large

explosives and munitions of war. This

nothing except mischief.

ment officials.

ompetence.

var. - Neucapaper headline.

Waste is not more necessary

Let's have a tearless as well as

It is well to bear in mind that the

uthors of startling tales told before

gating the trade in harmful drugs are

testifying as experts and drug addicts.

A Yonkers man has killed himself

Why not call the delicatessen par

lors dilleries, in honor of Mr. Ditt., in-

The House of Representatives is

zoing to undertake a "secret" inquire

into naval affairs, thus providing for

peachable authority which cannot no

TRADE BRIEFS.

imber cut this winter in New Brunswick

Canada, will be much smaller than the average amount. It is estimated that 300.

Standard suits for civilians will be man-

range from \$5.47 for boys' suits to \$12.17

Exports from the United States in Oc-

Practical demonstrations of American

Argentina. The Bureau of Foreign and

Toys are in demand in Mexico. Corre

A Portuguese firm wishes to secure ar

A list of firms in Malaga, Spain, dealing

the deaf can be obtained from the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, 734 Custom House, New York. Previous to the

war supplies of this kind were of German

Disease and unfavorable weather cor

ditions have seriously damaged Grecian olive groves and estimates place the total

Sizes of Spanish newspapers are to b

regulated by the Government, reports Con-sul General C. B. Hurst, Harcelona, be-cause of the scarcity of paper. If condi-

tions do not improve further reduction

origin, and the stocks are now depleted.

ear trumpets and other apparatus for

pondence should be in Spanish.

estic Commerce has prepared a repor

"Argentine market for motor ve

ly to injure this country.

oe disclosed."

of war.

week.

ceding month.

American make.

frown upon a coalition Cabinet.

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#### The Responsibility for Unpreparedness.

The neglect of preparation for war goes back further than any conflict of responsibility on which the statements of either General CROZIER or Secretary Bakes can throw much light. It goes back to a state of mind enestely indicated in these remarks now Wilson to the Congress on December 8, 1914, four months after the world war had begun:

"It is said in some quarters that we are not prepared for war. What is that we are not ready upon brief notice to put a nation in the field, a nation of men trained to arms? Of course we retain our present political prinour people away from their necessary vice in time of peace."

"We are at peace with all the world fact or drawn from a just and candid there is reason to fear that from any be made to serve the common end. quarter our independence or the integrity of our territory is threatened. we are incapable of."

"The subject is not new. There is no

country has been misinformed. We partial recitals of facts. have not been negligent of national defence. We have not been unmindful of the great responsibilities resting

right, but he was wrong. Many pa- necessary. now, sits in Garrison's place.

what might have resulted from an "Suwanee River." The men sang: earlier percention in the highest quarters at Washington of that which is now clearly perceived in every quarter. The main fact for national congratulation is that when the great light came to the country, when the nition of the urgent, immediate need months standing; most of them had control of railway operation is more of preparations for war and to most been down South with Persuand and readily identifiable have visited the energetic measures of preparedness, were men recruited from Texas, Alathe President's own eyes were not bama, Tennessee and the whole great blind or his head and hands idle.

formed. We had been negligent of ache of pride and sympathy in readnational defence. And it is to Mr. ing about it. Wilson's everlasting credit that what- The men stayed seventy-two hours ever may have been his ideas on the in this permanent receiving camp and subject in December of 1914, he is then were sent to training camps, foremost three years later in the prac- where they were billeted to houses tical if belated effort to make pre- and barns. The first assignment was paredness complete.

puzzled folk in the statement of Itep- sparkling of pocket flashlights and the resentative MARTIN MADOEN during a faint light of the stars. debate on the Post Office appropria- "Lots of bedding," continued Mr. velopes by thewering that "it does not France that have white bread," fresh

under "Metaphysics,"

Mr. Mappen, who knows a lot Mr. Fiske said he knew about politi- the Americans went tastching by in Germany, must rely on Cuba and ourcal economy. As like as not Mr. Paris. The Frenc'iman pirouetted selves; that France and Italy are in Mappen has hazy notions that if the about the Place de la Concorde: tax collector does not drag that "Vive le General Potash!" \$1.175,000 out of citizens' pockers it yelled. will be out of his pocket just the same Office drags it out.

Some one might offer a prize for the best definition, to be mailed son, of the relation of consumers, the people, to the Government, with foot told Mr. Davis that there was less notes referring to any well known speech in which the Government and people are conjoined as "of." "by"

Let Us Have No Snap Judgments. Until the inquiries into military, naval and food administration affairs which are now in progress or soon to be begun under the authority of the Senate and the House have been comcism or eulogy on the facts or opinions that are brought out.

Aiready, unfortunately, the disposicomplete evidence. The unfairness of this to individuals is obvious; the refers only to the army. This law proin the White House which was ac danger to the country from premature hibits the sale of alcoholic beverages in the message of President Woon- lie officers is less apparent, but not tary forces while in uniform." It was less real.

solution by the Government since war was proclaimed against the Immeant by being prepared? Is it meant [criul German Government. The situ- not be altered, for on October 6 the ropean war that vitally affected Amer- navy," which provides that: we are not roady to do that; and we | ican politics, industry and commerce, never shall be in time of peace so long which could not be ignored, and which strongly influenced the proceedings of ciples and institutions. And what is it our officials. Upon our entrance in that it is suggested we should be pre- the war, it became essential to conpared to do? To defend ourselves sider our capacity for raising and against attack? We have always found equipping armies not only with regard means to do that and shall find them for our own plans and capacity, but whenever it is necessary without calling at all times having in mind the needs and capacities of the nations with tasks to render compulsory military ser- which we are associated. The effect of enterprises highly praise verthy in themselves had to be studied with a No one who speaks counsel based on full understanding of their reaction on other nations seeking the same obinterpretation of realities can say that ject we seek, and adjustments had to

The investigations now under way have progressed thus far in an ad-Dread of the power of any other nation mirable spirit of non-partisonship. They partake of the nature of judicial proceedings, and as in judicial new need to discuss it. We shall not proceedings decisions are not reached alter our attitude toward it because until all the evidence is in, so in the some among us are nervous and ex- matters under discussion it is of supreme importance that all should re-"Let there be no misconception. The frain from snap judgments based on

#### The One Ber Story.

"It seems to me the one best story, This state of mind lasted long after the waistcoat, is the story of the in the army service," thus supporting their devotion to good order and their the date specified above. It lasted American boys in France," exclaimed the executive interpretation of the long and operated disastrously. We Robert Davis of the Y. M. C. A. at law, which included all uniformed are not bringing up the old, undent. a luncheon of the Merchants Associa- United States fighting men in its opable, inescapable fact for the purpose tion. And then he proceeded to tell eration. This extension of the law is of criticising President Wilson or re- something of that story in the hurry- sensible and logical, but, regardless of proaching him. He thought he was ing fashion luncheon speaking makes the ultimate fate of prosecutions un-

at the very time when he thought ply to an inquiry of the Y. M. C. A.: 6, there has been no question since at the very time when he thought ply to an inquiry of the Y. M. C. A.: 6, there has been no question since rumor mongers one more source of himself right. Theodore Roosevell "Our army is in pretty good shape, that date of the status of men in alarmist reports founded on "unimknew the President was wrong, and but for Goo's sake buck up the maval uniform seeking to buy intoxiwas accused of partisan politics and French." He told of the American cating liquors. personal ambition for saying so soldier who leaned over the transplainly. Lzonard Wood knew it, and port's bow and called out, "Hey, did what he could to prevent the dire mister, what country is this?" He consequences of the mistake. Line- described the landing of the first LEY M. GABRISON, to Mr. Wilson's American expeditionary force, its own Cabinet, knew his chief was march through the streets of a little wrong, and Newton D. Baker, who town, sunbaked brown and dry, to did not know it then but knows it barracks put up by German prisoners in a wheatfield. The band of the Six-It is profitless to speculate about teenth Infantry led the way, playing

> "When will I see de bees a-hummin All around de comb?

When will I hear de banjo tumming, Down in my good old home?"

Their uniforms were brown, their delusion of security that evaded and faces covered with dust and sunburn; postponed and procrastinated so long three-quarters of these youngsters had given place to a universal recog- were recruits of less than three region STEPHEN FOSTER loved. It was The country had not been misin- too much for Mr. Davis. There is an

to sixteen little towns along a stream. Some Facts to Sweeten the Sugar Hygienic enough; but many lights are To Be Franked to the Postmaster- impossible on account of the danger of fire with so much hay and straw If there is such a science as politi- about, and bedding, for the men have cal economy there is as pretty a prob- cots. The Red Triangle building lem in it as ever was presented to a glows; elsewhere is little but the

It is the purpose to charge the congettiek real American grub."

cost." Well? John Fisks once said down on a rock and said, "Say, this grown sugar is not being harvested that he did not know what the term isn't coffee; it's chicory." The fel- and moved to market. "political economy" meant, yet be low next him remarked: "Tom, it Mr. Hooven asks for voluntary knew and taught a lot about poll- beats all how you are getting on with 'rationing in the nation's households, tics and about economy. He may your French!" One second lieutenant with a maximum allowance of three have had in mind that all one could was overheard asking another: "What pounds a person a month. This, apmake of the term was just as much would you give right now, HENRY, if plied to every individual, would cut as the student of Chinese metaphysics you could see an honest, good Ameri- our year's consumption in two. There made of that term by reading in his can girl that can talk United States?" Is no difficulty in getting along in the encyclopædia under "Chinese" and HENRY's answer is not stated. It was home on the amount the Food Adminprobably notable for fervor.

A near sighted Frenchman saw on about Post Office politics and econ- the side of a bus, "Imported from omies, may not know any more than New York, 'Potash & Perlmutter' " as

A wonderfully healthy lot, our felwhen the envelope clerk at the Post lows. "They are off there in the woods," said Mr. Davis, in twenty- the breakfast coffee. nine towns which have been largely evacuated by the French for their acfranked to the Hon. Albert S. Burle- commodation. When the men had been there a month a medical officer than 1 per cent, of venereal disease. On some Monday mornings Mr. Davis would take a letter census "just to see whom they were writing to." For diers at Camp Mills? every eleven letters written to a sweetheart there were nine letters to the boys' mothers.

#### Selling Intericants to Sallers.

Two liquor dealers who were arpleted, it will be highly misleading raigned in the United States District and injurious to base adverse criti- Court this week pleaded unsuccessfully before Judge Manton that to the cost of endangering the residents sell intoxicants to sallors of the of all the States. In this matter the United States was not in violation of tion is manifested in certain quarters the statutory restrictions imposed by to proclaim ultimate judgments on in- Congress, because section 12 of the selective draft act approved on May 18 man should be suspended indefinitely. condemnation or glorification of pub- to any "officer or member of the millimmediately construed to include off The problems which have required cers and members of the naval estab lishment while in uniform, but if this April did not originate on the day construction were not upheld by the court the present situation would year will not exceed 1.000 ounces, and ation which has existed since 1914 in- President signed "an act to promote volved factors resulting from the Eu- the efficiency of the United States

> sections twelve and thirteen of the selective draft act approved May 18, 1917, the word 'Army' shall extend to and include 'Navy'; the word 'military' shall cause "much satisfaction to Governinclude 'naval'; 'Article of War' shall include 'Articles for the Government of the Navy': the words 'camps, station, cantonment, camp, fort, post, officers' of enlisted men's club,' in section twelve and 'camp, station, fort, post, canton ment, training or mobilization place,' i section thirteen, small include such places under naval jurisdiction as the President may prescribe, and the powers therein conferred upon the Secretary of War with regard to the military service are hereby conferred upon the Secretary of the Navy with regard to the naval the legislative committee now investi-

While the date of the sales which and evidence given by either experts occasioned the arrest of the liquor or drug addicts should be studied with dealers is not given in the newspaper accounts of Judge Manton's dismissal of their plen, it is to be as- to escape service in the army. At sumed that it occurred previous to the least no one can say he feared death. enactment of this statute. Judge Manton decided that it was the object of monarchy domictled in the United the Congress in May to prohibit the States are said to be grateful to the sale of liquor "to men engaged in the President for the lenient regulations the one that gets you warmest under naval service as well as men enlisted dertaken under it for sules to unitriotic Americans knew he was wrong He reported General Pershing's re- formed naval men previous to October

#### Mr. Ford's Criticism.

The merits of Henry Forn's suggestions for lighter cars, lighter rails and lighter locomotives in railway have wanted it; so if SCHEIDEMANN's operation we leave to the experts on figure is accurate, I per cent, of the equipment, steel construction, strains German people, or roughly 700,000 and stresses. But when he says that bookkeeping cannot solve the foremost transportation problem of the country he is quite right.

He is outspoken in blaming the "banker-managers" who "control" the roads, and asks, "Who ever saw them go to a point of congestion or railroad trouble to see what was the matter with their railroad?"

The Detroiter may not know it, but The Detroiter may not know it, but 000,000 feet of lumber is now awaiting is it not too bad that sentimentalists, the "banker-manager" and men whose shipment in New Brunswick and Nova having "zeal without knowledge," should chief point of congestion and ratiway trouble with ever increasing frequency of late years. Mr. Forp is there himself rather often nowadays, trying to help build ships.

His scornful "Bookkeeping cannot solve this problem" is a bitterly unkind sneer at the congested labors of the Interstate Commerce Commission and its staff.

### Situation.

After all, as Facts About Sugar re minds us, our principal saccharine substance is not selling at \$1 a pound, as it did in the Napoleonic wars. If this seems too historically remote to be consoling it is worth reflecting that sugar is from 15 to 20 cents a pound in Europe to-day, and tion bill. Mr. Mappex seld that the Dayls. "Tell all the mothers that much more scarcely obtainable than Post Office Department had expirined when I left there were only 310 sick, it is here. We have sugar from Calior exen ed les action in paying \$1.175. and of those 103 had the measies and fornia, Colorado, Idaho, Michigan and crop at 20 per cent. of that of a norma 000 above a contract price for en mumps. They are the only people in Ohio; from the Louislana and Texas cane fields and mills, from Porto Rico cast the Government anything because every twenty-four hours. "They are and from Hawaii, as well as Cuba; with the result that there is no month Sincer of the envelope the additional . Fun? No end of it. A soldier sat in the entire year in which American will be necessary in a few months

THE ARMY CANTEEN.

Should Its Beers and Light Wines Be He Was in Plays Concerning Twelve Restored? TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! YOUR

editorial article under the headline "The all the letters about the New York stage Canteen Question Comes Back" is favorites of forty and fifty years ago I questions, as well as the other questions of the most popular of the variety en-that the great war will settle, none is tertainers of the early '70s—Bobby Newmore pressing for solution than the can- combe. In his song and dance act, with teen problem. A few years ago the face and hands blackened, but clad in istration specifies. Thousands do began a campaign in Congress to re- breeches, black silk stockings and low Remember that Great Britain, cut store to the soldier his canteen, but no off from the beet sugar supply of definite results were obtained. The war presented a pleasing and shapely figure. has caused a revival of interest in the men but among those who genuinely a favorite of the Bowery shows, he

the same predicament, that ships can- sympathise with our soldiers. not be spared to bring sugar from As is commonly known, the canteen Java and the Philippines freely, and was taken away from the American soldier at the behest of the Women's remembering these things put a little Christian Temperance Union, a well less in the cake and a spoonful less in meaning but misguided organization of prohibitionists whose members were able o terrify the members of Congress, who, Mr. Hooven, at least, insists on through cowardice than reason voted to deny the soldlers their mild

Camp Mills ranks with the healthlest camps in the country.—Major Charles I. King, in charge of the base hospital. The question of national prohibition in this country may be settled in France. If the war lasts until the United States What does a little thing like a fact has a great number of men along the fighting front, certainly the liquor quessigned to alarm the parents of the soltion is going to be noticeably affected by the new experiences in living the soldlers will take back with them to The Fuel Administration might

America. liers in France are daily drinking a certain amount of wine and beer. Perhaps the most important reason for this s that the drinking water in the greater nounced unsanitary by the medical auhorities, and the men prefer the light wifes to the more or less distasteful

sterilized water. Another reason is that a stranger falls naturally into the customs of the ountry in which he becomes domiciled. On every side the American soldier sees the French men and women and even children sipping of wine with every meal. If he eats in a French restauant wine or beer is invariably served to him. Off duty, the little provincial café is his lounging place and a glass of wine his customary refreshment

There is no was prohibition of wines bought at any hour of the day. Spirituous iquors can be purchased for only two nours at noon and two hours in the evening, cafés closing at 9:30.

the United States Geological Survey Harold R. Peat, a young Canadian after extensive investigation gave no volunteer who went to France with the in the third gallery. mining operations. It was known that written a book giving his experiences of large quantities of the metal were held in Russia for speculative purposes, and things he tells how a "tot" of it was said some time ago that condirum, about equal to a tablespoonful, is who said the title was "The Twelve tions there would force these holdings upon the market. That they came to every winter morning. It is not comthis country is a matter that may well Secretary McAnoo defends waste in o the health of the soldier." desirable in war than in peace, and if line, and it revives us as tea, cocoa or wishes. Ten or eleven of these wishes it exists it reveals incapacity and inroffee could never do." As to the oppo-Waste is the forerunner of graft, and extravagance invites sition, he says:

The arguments against rum make Mr. Atkins tired, and I may say that t have never yet seen a chapiain refuse his ration. And of the sait of the good God's earth are the chaplains. service, he is liable to court-martial and death. A few years training of this kin-

ome back home a saler man. That is all. And it is good common the one thing that will fill the need in his extreme emergency. The abolition of the soldier's canteen.

prohibition or total abstinence, was a the stage. It was the general belief Subjects of the Austro-Hungarian proclaimed to govern their conduct. The measure of their gratitude will be abstinence from words and deeds like-

officially see to giving beer and wine and by declaiming, "I charm the s'leventh! a "neggin" of rum to their soldiers, why should the United States smugly counted nance drinking for its soldiers abroad would then take place. while disapproving the use of mild alcoholic beverages at home?

Restore the canteen! THEODORE P. CRONEN.

NEWARK, N. J., December 12.

What the Authorities Think

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: General Wood's official report, 1913, recomnended "the restoration of the canteen According to PHILIP SCHEIDEMANN in the interest of temperance and disci-"99 per cent. of the German people want peace." One hundred per cent. Sun's admirable editorial article on Sergeant Empey's indorsement of the army canteen. United States army offiwar with Germany want peace and cers who never use alcoholic drinks are most earnest in their support of Gen- knowing iris Lincoln, for that is one of disease their only means of control in regard to individuals, keep the world in a state drink. The canteen is absolutely under Government control as to quality and mantity of food and drinks, and those All we ask is two darkless days : who dispense them, and forbids the sale of liquor to an intoxicated man. canteen also rules and provides that all heaven to destroy the Government, while away everything except his wife. Isn't we shall have to require wastern to be a destroy the control of th lar expenses shall return to the com-Due to the scarcity of labor and to pany fund. ransportation difficulties, the quantity of

our army officers, are allowed to do so, Is it not too bad that sentimentalists. e allowed to interfere with army men who know best how to gain the discipline for which they alone are responsible?

of the British Government. Prices will It has been said by persons unacquainted with facts that the army, like the railroads, could control the situation tober totalled \$542,000,000, an increase of \$56,000,000 over the shipments of the preby discharging men who drink army officers have no such power; they can only put intoxicated men in the automobiles have developed a good field guard hou for these vehicles in the rural districts of New Yo C. S. B. NEW YORK, December 14.

The Wooden Fleet.

From ancient wharves and quiet coves And crumbling docks ugain The wooden ships come salling forth To plough the stormy main, With battered figureheads in need Of paint and silding new. And grimy decks and tattered ropes.

The Mary Jane, the Sarah Ann, The Wave, the Water Sprite The Boston Belle, the Thomas B. The Pearl, the Morning Light; Citppers and brigs and barkentines And schooners by the score. Are outward bound once more.

Up anchors from the cozy mud. Crack on the swelling sail, And let the old time chanteys rin Upon the salty gale. With Freedom's bright and starry dag At every peak unfuried. The wooden feet goes out to lead The commerce of the world.

MINNA IRVING.

Temptations and Seven Bullets. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: In have looked in vain for the name of one white, tight fitting jacket and knee black shoes with big silver buckles, he while his sweet tenor voice and graceful dancing delighted his audiences. Long shifted to Broadway when Tony Pastor

migrated there. As a kid of ten or twelve I was a hebdomadal visitor at the Old Bowery Theatre. How many of your present readers ever mounted that seemingly topless spiral stairway to the upper gal leries of that old playhouse? With what eager enthusiasm, after having received our pasteboard slab in exchange for our 20 cents at the box office in the basement at the north end of the building. steps-or was it a hundred and fifty?to the verge of exhaustion, until we third gallery and plunged down the steep declivity toward the front row!

Backless benches, constructed originally, it seemed, of unplaned boards, but polished to glassy smoothness by countless thousands of Thespian devotees, served to seat us. Until the cur- Listening," tain rose, as well as between the acts. "Peasant W our ears were assailed with the cries of lage Street in Snow."
"Apples, peanuts, candy!" uttered by "The Sower" rank boys pushing before them huge baskets of those edibles and mercileasly crunchfered-for complaint might lead to combat and a precipitate trip down that spiral flight for the complainant-and we bought if we had the price, and

There was a fourth gallery too, from which quite as good a view of the stage lenty could be had even after the rise of the curtain, but it was rarely used except by negro patrons of the theatre, whom it was nominally reserved. although the management never attempted to exclude others from it. But to the white boys, who constituted 95 per cent, of the gallery occupants, it was "nigger heaven," hence comfort had to be sacrificed for caste, and to this was due the wild scramble for places

One of your correspondents, who referred to an Old Bowery play which he two years in the trenches. Among called "The Seven Temptations," but who was corrected by another writer, served out to each man the first thing Temptations," was partly right. I well remember "The Twelve Temptations," pulsory, "but our commanders-and the in which John B. Studiey, later the hero army surgeons believe that rum as a of the Brooklyn Theatre fire, played the nedicine, as a stimulant, is necessary leading part. As I recall it, the prinit down when half frozen and nearly devil whereby the latter took a mortparalyzed after standing a night in mud gage on the soul of the party of the and blood and ice often to the waist- first part in return for granting twelve yielded the tempted one all kinds of gratification and power, but on the twelfth, when disaster had overtaken him and he lay in a desert dying of thirst, Old Nick, claimed his soul granting his last craving, which was cured, as Moses did, by smiting a rock. respondent referred was probably "The this was the main title or sub-title I would not trust myself to say at this ense. After three years experience, the would not trust myself to say at this rmy surgeons know that the moderate day. The Prince of Darkness had a se of alcohol is not only not harmful, but big part in this too, and we gallery to the actor's exact pronunciation of as has been proved by the war, say he put the last bullet under the spell what one will about either temperance, and all sorts of hob would be raised on the Daughters of the that if he had said "Seventh!" which American Revolution would sponsor a was supposed to be a forbidden word in movement to restore the canteen, I'am that play, the real, genuine bose of the material support of a large majority of ters into his own hands and wrought dire destruction. Therefore, safety de-Since all the warring Governments manded that the actor slur his speech or "I charm the --- !" the last voca-ble being lost in the hullabaloo that

CHARIES J. DUMAS. EROOKLYN December 14.

THE GREAT AIM.

Some Retlections Induced by Lincoln's Singleness of Purpose.

To THE EUTOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Address as a commentary on the Lansin the editorial article "The Great Aim." which in turn has given Mr. Darwin P. Kingsley a place in THE SUN. the two things needful in a real American. The other is to know baseball.

"great aim" you will find stated in his from a grandfather who in the good law of supply and demand to First Inaugural Address. It will dispose old days when there were no game laws greater production, which cannot be a second or a second of the The of the slavery issue for all time:

serve, protect and defend it." There's the "great aim," a pact or All specialists prefer to attend to their oath registered, as Lincoln phrased it. If the discussed phrase is used to New York, December 13 on heaven, that summons all a man's cover the shortcomings of stenographers. powers for that aim.

President Wilson subscribed to that who cannot hire a competent stenogsame solemn oath to "preserve, protect rapher proclaims broadcast his own id- And for Tips Keep a Supply and defend." In fulfilment of that we and defend." In fulfilment of that, we competency. are at war-to continue until the "Thing" that threatens is, well, till it the peculiarities of the English lan- I suggest to your reader the light.

frame up something like this 1. No talk of victory (bad form, you fore it is sent out either unsigned or

3. Central Powers indemnify Belgium and Serbla. 4. Germany restore Alsace-Lorraine.

demnity of 1870 with interest. d. No talk of victory.

8. No discussion of limiting arma-9. United States of America to assure Germany that we are ready to roughhouse it at any time.

10 No talk of victory. PHILADELPHIA, December 14.

Literary Statistics. From the Topeka Capital.

Buck Kilby, who is of a statistical turn of mind, estimates that 1,119,305,428 subkets of tears have been shed over "East Lynne." Mr. Kilby is also at work on the computation and will shortly an-nounce the depth of the teerfall induced by Mary J. Holmer's "Tempest and Sun-

### OLD NICK AT THE BOWERY. THE SHAW COLLECTION OF MILLETS GOES TO THE BOSTON MUSEUM

"The Sower" and Two Dozen Other Representative Picture to Be Exhibited Some Time in January.

The bequest of the late Quincy A. eye, under a cloudy sky, nothing out newly ploughed earth. Of all the peasants send to the Salon this year we prefer "The seum of Fine Arts his collection of Sower." There is something great and Millets, constitutes an art event of na- of the grand style in this figure with in tional importance and universal significance.

The gift comes to the Museum

through Quincy A. Shaw, Jr., and Mrs. Planters." Millet painted this picture Marian Shaw Haughton. It includes the entire collection of paintings, pastels and etchings by Jean François Millet, brought together by Mr. Shaw through many years. It is the best the world of work by the great peasant painter, for Mr. Shaw was a criminating as well as appreciative art lover. The collection embraces "The Sower" and "Potato Planters," two significant paintings in Millet's did we rush up the first forty or fifty great epic of labor. These, together with "The Old Woman and Her Cow and then how wed struggle on, panting, (1859), a "Scene at Greville" (1865). the "Woman Teaching Child to Knit' reached the welcome entrance to the (1869), "The Priory at Vauville" (1872-73), "Girl With New Born Lamb, "Woman Reeling Yarn," "Landscape

five oil paintings in the collection. Included in the pastel drawings are "The Spaders," "Hush at Night," "Dog Listening," "View of Farm Yard," "Peasant Woman's Tollet" and "Vil-

"The Sower" ranks first in importance. It is the original painting by Millet, the version which came to the Metropolitan Museum from the Vanderbilt collection being in a manner a replice of the Boston canvas.

Millet had contemplated painting "The Sower" for some time before actually placing the composition upon canvas, and made several drawings, but the work finally begun, he execould be obtained and where seats in cuted it at white heat, finding as the painting grew the canvas a bit too short, thus crowding the figure. He traced the figure exactly and painted mony enough to Millet's marvelous the second picture, which is the larger draughtsmanship. Especially interest and later canvas. Many artists and critics hold the opinion that the Boston "Sower" possesses greater depth and quality of color than the New York painting. Sower" executed in Barbizon

created a sensation, or, as Sensier tells us, 'made some noise." The picture was talked about, copied, reproduced in lithography, and brought much criticism, favorable and otherwise; the materialistic critics of the day, blind to the poetry and greater meaning saw in this picture a work concelved on socialist lines, a protest against the rich or upper classes There were, however, at that time persons who recognized the painting to be a great epic poem, conceived on big and simple lines a work worthy the poet peasant-the deep thinker and profound student of the psychology of work that Millet was. A composition holding the universal elements of action, poetry and rhythm. Happily art, which is but another name for truth, outlasts nervous fears, and Theophile Gautier was so deeply impressed that he wrote the following critique, which has become a classic: "The Sower," by M. J. F. Millet, im-presses us as the first pages of the 'Mare au Diable" of Georges Sand, which

are about labor and rustic toil. The night is coming, spreading its gray wings over the earth: "The Sower" marches with rhythmic step, flinging the grain in the furrows, he is followed by a cloud of pecking birds; he is covered with dark rags, his head by a curious cap, he is bony, swart and meagre, under his livery of poverty; life which his large hand sheds, iffteen to twenty pieces. This On the other side of the slope a last ray of the sun shows a pair of oxen at the end of their furrow, strong and zentle compenions of man, whose recom-This is the only light in the picture, which | public exhibition in January is bathedy's shadow, and presents to the "DICTATED BUT NOT READ."

position of 1867. "The Priory of Vauville" was made from studies executed in the fall of 1871, and is a scene on the coast of Normandy, not far from Millet's birthplace. This painting was evidently a direct commission the Shaws, as on January 8, 1872, Millet wrote to Sensier that an American lady and gentleman, M. and Mm Shaw of Boston, came to see him and to ask him for a picture, and they chose among his drawings that of "The Priory of Vauville." The painting is a pure landscape, though in the back ground appear a few figures which are not important, serving only as a cents in the composition. In the mid dle distance a group of stone building

violent action, its proud raggedness, whi seems to be painted with the very ear

Second in importance is "The Potato

in the winter of 1861-62. The compo-

sition contains two figures, a man and

t woman, standing on a wide plain;

in the distance a village is dimly seen

lost in luminous atmosphere. The man

opens the ground into which the

woman drops the seed potato. Under

a large apple tree, which costs ample

shade, a donkey and a child are seen.

the child asleep in the donkey's basket

The design is large and simple in its

lines, and is one of Millet's greates;

paintings. It was shown in the ex-

that "The Sower" is planting.

was finished in the summer of 1874. The pastels are remarkably inter Millet's line was superb an esting. these strongly constructed figure placed so tirmly with a few strokes their simple environment are test ing is the composition showing a Harbizon farm yard on a sloppy and a mal winter morning. The collection of etchings conta

are seen, their roofs "felling" again

the sky and sea beyond. The picture

no less important example than "Th Souders," a drawing eloquent in rhythmic line, expressed by the fr figure as he brings his weight from the inclined body forcing the spade into the carth; in the arrested motion the second figure as he overturns h from it, and in the sense of motion conveyed by the coupled figures, at the begins and the other complete me begins and the he act. Certainly Millet was the great lated toil into terms of simple dignit who knew pain, but did not let man him; who saw and knew toll ! who did not run from it. He was n the man to follow the line of least r sistance. He deliberately chose ear in his career to be true to himself an his art, although it meant years privation and sorrow.

Millet once wrote: "Art is not u version. It is a conflict, a compl tion of wheels in which one is cru-I am not a philosoprer. I do not wis to do away with pain, nor to fine formula that will make me stored at indifferent. Pain is perhaps the the that gives artists the strongest power of expression." Wonderful inde-1 w this great soul who found in pain

friend to the art he loved. Included in the Shaw gif: naissance sculptures, embracing abthe at large than the Millets. It in The collections have been received the Museum and are being cate

and arrenged and will be pla-MARIAN PARKITURET WA

#### Do Really Busy Men Have Ample Time to Read Outgoing Mail?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. Mr. James B. Townsend's letter amazes me President Wilson referred in his much more than Mr. Simon P. Reason's sage to Congress to the necessity letter surprised him

business letter bearing the legend; "Dic- When we hear of ironworkers car tated but not read." it simply amuses at the rate of \$10,000 a year and me. If the letter is important, involve miners at the rate of \$5,000 ac a few days ago I boldly wrote you calling ing quotations, obligations or anything when the Government will see the neattention to Lincoln's Second Inaugural on the basis of which I shall act thus sity for curbing the wage profiteers to and so, I immediately send it back with as the capital profiteers have be downe letter. It seemed to bear fruit the request that the writer shall read ourbed, his own darn letter first, make a notation setting forth that he has done so Washington said that the Government and then return it. I have never found experts calculate that this count this to fail in effecting a cure of this raise \$14 for every \$1 vibral t

It seems to me that a business man count of the higher prices 400 who will sign anything without reading here. High prices are largely due the way, the key to Lincoln's it must be descended in a straight line labor costs and to the failurcovering such things bought lightning tailed with the present supply of "You have no oath registered in rods, only to find that he had deeded. If this is to be a war of excel-I shall have the most solemn one to 'pre- it better not to deal with a man who as prices, as has been done in thus shamelessiy announces the sort of otherwise we will dissipate our an ass he considers himself to be? it is still inexcusable. A business man

The misunderstandings arising from guage are easily overcome by the dic- atenese of making customs Which latter might happen any day tator; if not, then there is surely all the presents to relatives and a (sooner or later) if the Allies would more reason why the dictated letter servants in the form of should be read before signing it, or be- stamps? The stamps are

signed by somebody else. 2. Central Powers return to status! Mr. Townsend will have to show me far better reasons than those he enumer- the track toward thrift a ates before I shall cease to be riled at stantial aid in winning the the pert insolence of "Dictated but not read." My observation convinces me 5. Germany repay Prance the in- that the really busy business man is seldom guilty of such discourtesy, but that The Children's Ald Society and it is mostly an affectation on the part 7. No interference with Hohenzollern of the fellow who thinks he can give you the impression that he is burdened with a multitude of large matters.

CHARLES II. MEIGS. NEW YORK, December 14.

> The Human Problem. From the Konsas City Star.

Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ringe. Ark, writes to the star as follows:

"When my fourteen children get to fight board was taken some ing amongst theirselves I don't warry half cause of annoyance to our much about who started the war as how am going to get help enough to stop it."

To the Weather Gentleman. From the Macon Telegraph
Of course, if
You don't initial
Heing taked above,
Why, just
Guahsad,
'5 up to you.

#### ONE RULE FOR ALL. Wage Profiteering Is as Dangeron

as Commercial Exploitation. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIL, W. further price regulation did he live Whenever I receive an unimportant mind the regulation of wages"

A recent despatch in Tur Sea fr many for carrying on the wat

before we can win the war.

# THE CHRISTMAS W. S. S.

Thrift Stamps Handy TO THE EDITOR OF THE SER and the amounts so varie, I make up whatever sum by so doing may start in

#### NEW YORK, December Norworth's Offer

To the Earron of The > letter of Mr. Jack Norwe that he misunderstood statement. I beg to expla resolution of the board of Children's Aid Society is 1 ake part in theatrical bebecause the expenses use are of the receipts. This is caused by the promottor of tensibly for our benefit I assure Mr. Norworth that gifts for poor children the

be gladly accepted and Secretary, Children's A.

NEW YORK, Describer